# BETTER DAYSINSIGHT for LIVE STOCK GROWERS

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upon its deserts and other favorable vintering resorts of Utab flockmasters and feeders, and more horses and swine cating grain in the barns and pens of our valleys, or being "roughed through," than the livestock breeders and feeders here have begun the winter season with a number of years.

Cowmen regard the situation with mixed feelings of hope and apprehensiveness, unless they be of the few in number who have recently added to their holdings to fill feed lots at the sugar factories or otherwise fatten steers for an early spring beef demand; the mutton and wool men are tickled most to death that a combination of direumstances in the summer and fall lievented them from marketing thousands of sheep that would have gone to pon eastern markets or into feed lots in the corn states but for the packing Louse strike, followed by a scarcity of railway equipment, when their flocks were ready to move off grass; horsemen look complacently upon the local demand, which is gradually augmenting because of extending development work within the state and adjacent territory, and are hanging on to their holdings for a healthy rise in values; while hog men, n the light of the Lumping packets have been giving the price of porkers on eastern markets lately, are just a little oit shaky on the judgment which encouraged them to defer getting their Foland Chinas, Ferk's and Chester Whites ready for the block before values began skating Ferk's and Chester Whites ready for

cownwards.
It may be inferred from the forego-It may be inferred from the foregoing that cattle prices are low and the supply so unusually plentiful as to trake the upward trend of values doubtful on all sorts of stuff but beef; that sheep are high in price and being held for even stiffer figures, whether desired for block or breeding purposes; that the supply of horses is inadequate to meet present and prospective demand and that values are advancing accordingly; and that the ordinary kind of hog here is not as scarce nor as kind of hog here is not as scarce nor as valuable as a reckoning made a year ago would have rated him.

### Reason of Conditions.

There will probably be very little comfort to the man who raises cattle to the people who buy beef, in offhand speculation upon the causes which have operated to keep the price of the one product down and the cost of the other up during the past twelve months; and individual surmise based upon surface. Froduct down and the cost of the other up during the past twelve months; and individual surmise, based upon surface indications, can offer but slender promise of improvement to producer or consumer in the months immediately chead of us. It should occasion no considerable increase of the grief manifested by these sellers and buyers for a period of over a year, however, to point out at this time that the total receipts of cattle on the various eastern markets in 1904 show a falling off in numbers exceeding 300,000 head, or an approximate diminution of 5 per cent from the previous year's marketings—a change so slight as to have but little effect in itself upon the situation which is ahead; and as the price of mutton is going up while the price of pork sces down, beel substitutes in the tresh meat line so even up the consimption of the former as to threaten a continuance of the present disparity, against which there has been such clamorous protest entered by editorial and oratorical utterances since 1902.

The cowman's contention throughout this period is based upon the admitted theory of the numerical growth of the atmy of meat eaters in this country, and the reputed extraordinary increase of demand occasioned as a consequence of war in the far eastern world, while

of demand occasioned as a consequence of war in the far eastern world, while production has barely kept pace with former domestic requirements.

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the accompanying check sent shippers to the big eastern selling places in return for their consignments of cattle to convincingly establish to such producers that the price of their commodity has been bumped for about a third of its value since this last season of low selling set in; and coincident with these disappointing returns, city consumers who buy their beef from the cutters on the block, have uttered their louder voiced profests against extern

The latter alternative occasions the worry under which the cowman now works, with steers that he hoped to market off sammer grass before snow began to fly; but the extra cost of feeding hay, pulp or grain, as the case may be, in view of the increasing local "Coast" and "Sound" demand, from now on until grass time, may prove something of a blessing if it educates stockmen to devote more time and care to preparing their cattle for the use of consumers, and to the utilization of home grown feed that will accomplish such desired results. There's a chance such desired results. There's a chance of course that the spring prices for fat steers will not sufficiently advance over steers will not sufficiently advance over present figures to compensate for the labor and feed expended upon them in the meantime; but feeders can't make much of a losing with hay and pulp selling at reasonably low prices, and local opportunities to top out ends of their feeding strings as they get good enough for some little advance over selling prices the time they were put up.

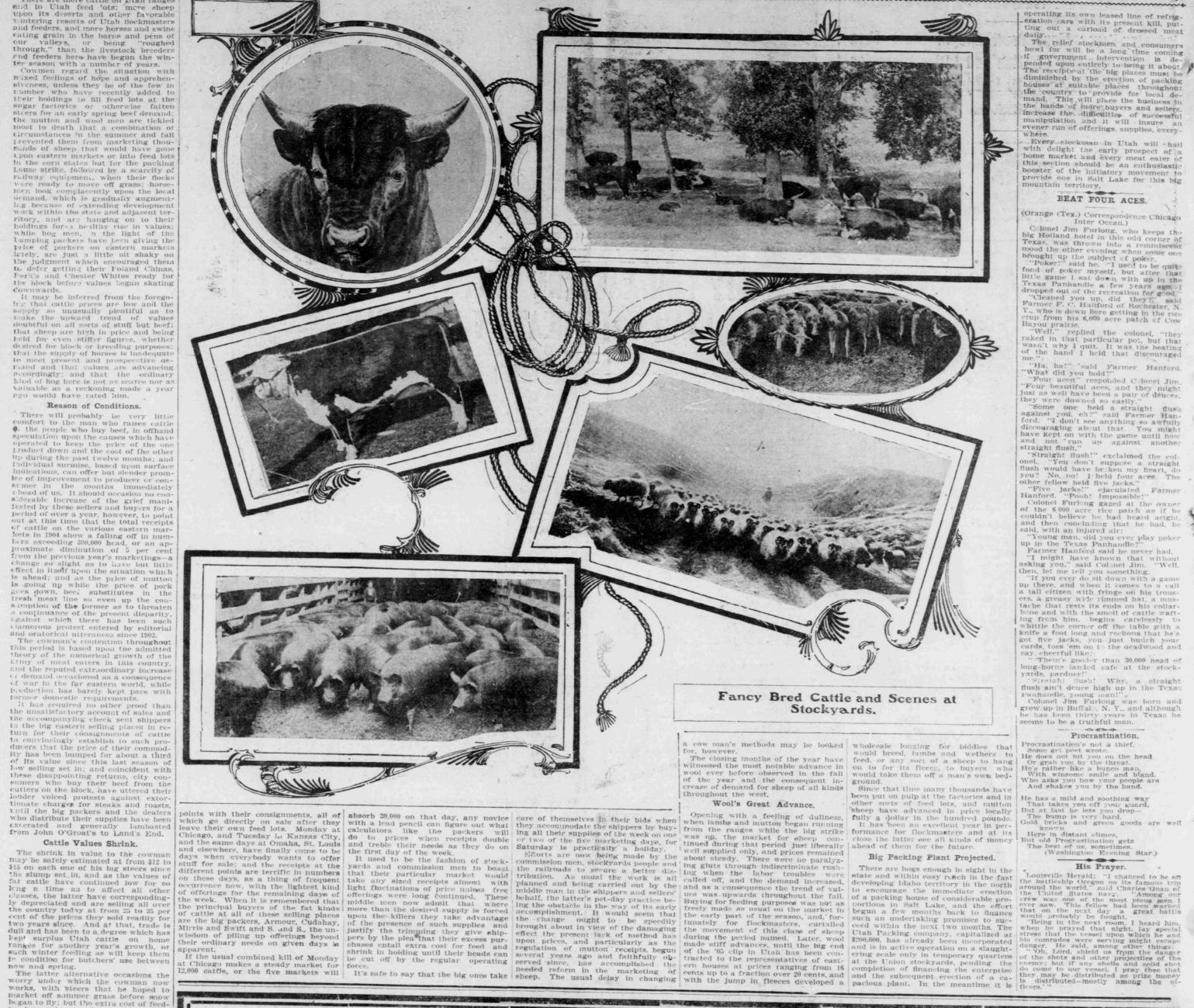
And a longer shot even would be well worth playing in the promise it holds cut of building up more of a home market for future supplies. With the increased feeding and fattening of cattle in Utah valleys during the past five years a growth of demand from home steady page with the steady page with the steady page. steady pace, with the result that a large share of aged cattle formerly shipped to eastern markets have teighed up under a normal shrink, on home scales, to the great money advan-tage of our Utah feeders.

## Home Market the Remedy.

As the feeding becomes less experimental its permanency grows more assured, and butchers' supplies locally enlarged for present needs or the additional requirements which projected packing house facilities may beget, and the latter reference suggests the only practical and effective remedy for evils that with every year increase the uncertainty of profit taking to stockmen, appear to impose an increasing tax for living upon beef eaters, without to any perceptible extent diminishing the handsome earnings of the middle men in the necessaries of life deai.

The growing practice for years has been to market all the cattle of the country at a few eastern selling places, and as the custom has grown, shippers have developed tendencies to favor certain days in the week to arrive at these

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eration cars with its present kill, put-ting out a carload of dressed meat

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The relief stockmen and consumers howl for will be a long time coming if government intervention is depended upon entirely to bring it about. The receipts at the big places must be diminished by the erection of packing houses at suitable places throughout the country to provide for local demand. This will place the business in the hands of more buyers and sellers, increase the difficulties of successful manipulation and it will insure an evener run of offerings, supplies, everyevener run of offerings, supplies, every-

where.

Every stockman in Utah will hail with delight the early prospect of a home market and every meat eater of this section should be an enthusiastic booster of the initiatory movement to provide one in Salt Lake for this big mountain territory.

## BEAT FOUR ACES.

(Orange (Tex.) Correspondence Chicago Inter Ocean.)

Colonel Jim Furlong, who keeps the big Holland hotel in this odd corner of Texas, was thrown into a reminiscent mood the other evening when some one brought up the subject of poker.

"Poker!" said he. "I used to be quite fond of poker myself, but after that little game I sat down with up in the Texas Panhandle a few years ago. I dropped out of the recreation for good."

"Cleaned you up, did they?" said Farmer F. C. Hanford of Rochester, N. Y., who is down here getting in the rice crop from his 6,000 acre patch of Cow Bayou prairie.

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"Well," replied the colonel, "they raked in that particular pot, but that wasn't why I quit. It was the beating of the hand I held that discouraged

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"Ha. ha!" 'said Farmer Hanford.

"What did you hold?"

"Four aces," responded Colonel Jim.

"Four beautiful aces, and they might just as well have been a pair of deuces, they were downed so easily."

"Some one held a straight flush against you, eh?" said Farmer Hanford. 'I don't see anything so awfully discouraging about that. You might have kept on with the game until now and not 'run up against another straight flush."

"Straight flush!" exclaimed the colonel. "You don't suppose a straight flush would have broken my heart, do you? No, no! I held four aces. The other fellow held five jacks."

"Five jacks!" cjaculated Farmer Hanford. "Pooh! Impossible!"

Colonel Furlong gazed at the owner of the 6,000 acre rice patch as if he couldn't believe he had heard aright, and then concluding that he had, he said, with an injured air:

"Young man, did you ever play poker up in the Texas Panhandle?"

Farmer Hanford said he never had.

"I might have known that without asking you," said Colonel Jim. "Well, then, let me tell you something.

"If you ever do sit down with a game up there, and when it comes to a call a tall citizen with fringe on his trousers, a greasy wide rimmed hat, a mustache that rests its ends on his collarbone and with the smell of cattle wafting from him, begins carelessly to whittle the corner off the table with a knife a foot long and reckons that he's got five jacks, you just bunch your cards, toss 'em on to the deadwood and say, cheerful like:

"Them's gooder than 30,000 head of long-horns landed safe at the stock-yards, pardner!"

"Straight flush! Why, a straight flush ain't deuce high up in the Texas

yards, pardner!'
'Straight flush why, a straight flush ain't deuce high up in the Texas

Panhandle, young man!"

Colonel Jim Furlong was born and grew up in Buffal., N. Y., and although he has been thirty years in Texas he seems to be a truthful man.

## Procrastination.

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